

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The claims pending before amendment were 1-17. The claims pending after Amendment are claims 1-8 and 10-18. Claim 9 was canceled and claim 18 was added.

The Specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications and to conform the specification to U.S. patent practice.

Claims 3-17 are amended for clarification and to comport with U.S. claim style. Claim 9 has been canceled and replaced by claim 18 (which inserts the compound formulas rather than referring to compounds in Table 1 of the specification by number). Support for this amendment can be found on pages 32 and 33 of the specification. The claims have been renumbered because of the omission of the number 10 claim in the originally filed claim set. The revised claims submitted herewith contain claim 12, which was accidentally omitted in the previously submitted Preliminary Amendment. Claims 11 and 12 have been converted to method claims. Support for these amendments may be found on page 21, lines 23-30 of the specification. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-17.

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